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Dear Mr. White,

Pursuant to the telephone conversation with Area geologist, Steve Brooks on December 18, 1990, the following information is provided regarding reclamation of the Aragonite mill site and the public lands adjacent to the quarry. The current operator is in non-compliance for failure to file a notice and other deficiencies. The non-compliance could be rescinded provided that your organization assumes responsibility for reclamation, files an acceptable notice or plan of operations, completes some of the cleanup measures discussed below along with partial reclamation of the area. It is not my intention to be onerous in these requirements, however the area has been abused and neglected in the past, leaving the need for various remedial actions to place the area in an environmentally acceptable condition.

Under state regulations, reclamation is required for mining areas active since 1977. It is recommended that you contact Wayne Hedberg at the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, telephone number (801) 538-5340, regarding formal transfer of the property and other filing requirements.

You will need to file a notice for operations on public lands as per the enclosed outline. Of concern, is the large amount of abandoned equipment, oil storage tanks, along with oil spills and trash at the mill site. The BLM Surface Management Regulations require that mining activities not cause unnecessary or undue degradation of the public lands. As per Bureau policy, trash cannot be disposed of on site and must be taken to an approved landfill such as the Tooele County Dump. Measures must also be taken to isolate, remove, or control toxic materials such as oil saturated soil.

Reclamation should in general consist of recontouring, seeding and harrowing of the seed bed. It is recommended that a field examination be conducted to help develop more specific reclamation measures. Please contact Steve Brooks at (801) 977-4371 to arrange a field examination or if you need other assistance.

Sincerely,

HOWARD HEDRICK

Howard Hedrick  
Pony Express Resource Area Manager

cc: Wayne Hedberg